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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH FAHMY RE UNEF MANDATE ANNOUNCEMENT

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1. I SAW FAHMY THIS EVENING (JULY 16) AT DINNER SADAT HOSTED FOR KING KHALID. I EXPRESSED MY SURPRISE AT TIMING OF HIS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT GOE WOULD NOT RENEW UNEF MANDATE, SAYING THAT I HAD BEEN UNDER IMPRESSION GOE WOULD WAIT AT LEAST UNTIL AMBASSADOR'S RETURN BEFORE CONFIRMING DECISION NOT TO RENEW, IF THIS WERE NECESSARY. FAHMY SAID HE HAD NOTED YOUR SECOND STATEMENT, WHICH I HAVE NOT YET SEEN, ABOUT THEIR ACTION IN WHICH YOU INDICATED TIMING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT COULD COMPLICATE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THEY MIGHT HAVE WAITED HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE LAST SENTENCE IN MESSAGE CONTAINED REFTEL A, WHICH STRONGLY SUGGESTED TO THEM THAT, ALTHOUGH WE WERE HOPEFUL, WE WERE UNCERTAIN WHETHER ISRAELIS' OFFER WOULD MEET THEIR REQUIREMENTS.

2. FAHMY REASONED THAT IF WE COULD SAY THIS AFTER YOUR TALKS WITH RABIN IN BONN, THEN PROSPECTS WERE INDEED NOT HOPEFUL. THEREFORE, PRESIDENT AND HE DECIDED NOT TO WAIT, BUT TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT OF NON-RENEWAL OF MANDATE IN ORDER TO BRING FURTHER PRESSURE ON

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ISRAELIS TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING. I COMMENTED THAT I

WAS NOT CERTAIN THIS STEP WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE DESIRED FAVORABLE EFFECT AT THIS DELICATE STAGE IN NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

3. WHEN I ASKED WHAT IT WOULD TAKE FOR EGYPT TO ACCEPT A RENEWAL OF UNEF MANDATE, FAHMY SAID THAT IT COULD NOT BE A SIMPLE EXTENSION AS IN THE PAST. RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE CONDITIONS WHICH WOULD BE DESIGNED TO PREVENT STAGNATION AND SPECIFICALLY TO REQUIRE FURTHER PROGRESS IN PEACE PROCESS. IF SECURITY COUNCIL COULD FORMULATE SUCH A RESOLUTION, EGYPT WOULD TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT IT.

4. FAHMY WAS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS THAT I TELL YOU NOT TO WORRY AND ASKED THAT YOU KEEP IN TOUCH WITH HIM. IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL HIM, HE SAID, YOU DO NOT NEED TO WAIT UNTIL AMBASSADOR RETURNS. FAHMY DID ASK THAT YOU "TONE DOWN" ANY STATEMENT WHICH MIGHT CREATE DIFFICULTIES AND EMBARRASSMENT FOR HIM. HE IMPLIED THAT YOUR SECOND STATEMENT MENTIONED ABOVE CAME CLOSE TO THIS POINT.

5. AS WE PARTED AT END OF DINNER, I ASSURED HIM I WOULD DISPATCH THIS MESSAGE PROMPTLY.
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